the Government. The auditing of the accounts for the year 2005-06 is to be completed by June 2006.

(c) According to the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan the sanctioned amount has been used appropriately.

(d) No, Sir.

Yoga education centre

3843. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that University Grants Commission has recently decided to set up Yoga Education Centre for benefiting the students health and social activities at various Universities in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for promoting Yoga education at various school level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has been providing grants to Universities under the scheme of Promotion of Yoga Education and practice and positive health in universities for the over all development of students, teachers and non teaching staff of universities. An amount of Rs. 43.35 lakhs and Rs. 41.31 lakhs has been spent during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively under the scheme.

(b) The National Curriculum Framework for School Education-2005 prepared by the National Council of Educational Research and Training provides for Health and Physical Education as a compulsory subject from primary to secondary stage and as an optional subject at higher secondary stage. Yoga is one of the core components of Health and Physical Education.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "Introduction of Yoga in Schools" provides for central assistance to State Governments, Union Territory Administrations and reputed NGOs for expenditure on yoga training to teachers and upgrading library facilities. More than 3700 teachers have

since been trained. The scheme is now a component of the recently formulated composite scheme of "Quality improvement in schools".

Vacancies in various Vidyapeeths

3844. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 50,000 teachers and allied posts lying vacant in various Vidyapeeths of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when these posts would be filled up;

(c) whether Government have issued any instructions for filling up these teachers posts in Vidyapeeths of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Colleges registered for B. Pharmacy

3845. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colleges registered with the AICTE which have B. Pharmacy degree education;

(b) the State-wise distribution of such colleges; and

(c) the number of seats available in such colleges all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MAA. FATMI): (a) to (c) According to AICTE, there are 549 AICTE approved institutions offering B. Pharmacy Degree courses with an intake of 34,141 during the year 2005-2006. State-wise details are as per Statement.